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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

At its 772nd plenary meeting, on 23 March 1990, the Board approved the provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-seventh session, as contained in TD/B/L.898 and Corr.1 - which is reproduced below.

"PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE
THIRTY-SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD 1/

1. Procedural matters:

   (a) Election of officers;

   (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;

   (c) Adoption of the report on credentials;

   (d) Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-seventh regular session of the Board.

2. Follow-up and review of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII in accordance with Board decision 350 (XXXIV):

   - Stocktaking of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII in preparation for UNCTAD VIII.

3. Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system. 2/

4. Debt and development problems of developing countries:

   - including discussion called for in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 44/232, of 22 December 1989, on trends in the transfer of resources to and from the developing countries and their impact on the economic growth and sustained development of those countries.

5. Arrangements and preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

6. United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990: initiation of preparations for UNCTAD's intergovernmental input into the final assessment by the General Assembly in 1991.

7. Assistance to the Palestinian people (Conference resolutions 146 (VI) of 2 July 1983 and 169 (VII) of 3 August 1987).

8. Other matters in the field of trade and development:

   (a) UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development (Board decision 370 (XXXV));

   (b) Economic co-operation among developing countries:

      (i) Analyses and proposals for the facilitation of trade expansion among developing countries (para. 4 (f) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries)

      (ii) Problems of trade financing in developing countries (para. 4 (c) (iii) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries);

   (c) Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-third session;

   (d) Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-third annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

      [to be completed in the light of developments]

9. Other matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies

      [to be completed in the light of developments]

10. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

   (a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections;

(b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees;

(c) Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1991;

(d) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

(e) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure;

(f) Review of the calender of meetings;

(g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

[to be completed in the light of developments]

11. Other business

12. Adoption of the report of the Board."

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introductory note

The secretariat's annotations are intended to furnish essential background information covering the provisional agenda items, together with a brief description of the relevant documentation.

Item 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The rules of procedure of the Board are contained in TD/B/16/Rev.4 and Corr.1.

Item 1 (a): Election of officers

The Bureau of the Board consists of 12 members (President, Rapporteur and 10 Vice-Presidents), as follows: 3/

Africa	2
Asia	2
Latin America	2
Group B	4
Group D	2

In accordance with the cycle for rotation of offices of the President and the Rapporteur, the Bureau for the thirty-sixth session shall be composed as follows:

President	Group B
Vice-Presidents	
Africa	2
Asia	2
Latin America	2
Group B	3
Group D	1
Rapporteur	Group D

It will be recalled that at its 772nd meeting on 23 March 1990 the Board designated H.E. Mr. Jean-David Levitte (France) as President of the Board at its thirty-seventh session.

Item 1 (b): Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session (Rule 12)

Agenda

At its 772nd plenary meeting on 23 March 1990, the Board approved the provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-seventh session (TD/B/L.898 and Corr.1) and authorized the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in consultation with the President, to make any further adjustments that might be necessary in the light of developments. This arrangement was on the understanding that any changes or additions would be the subject of

consultations with representatives of regional groups and China within the framework of the consultative machinery established by Board decision 143 (XVI) and Board resolution 231 (XXII).

In conformity with the above, any changes or additions will be referred to the Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and will be reported to the Board in an addendum to the present document.

Documentation

TD/B/1259	Annotated provisional agenda
TD/B/1259/Add.1	Addendum

Organization of work

As requested by the Board, at its 772nd plenary meeting on 23 March 1990, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD will consult delegations on the organization of work and will circulate his suggestions thereon.

Documentation

TD/B/1259/Add.2	Organization of work

Item 1 (c): Adoption of the report on credentials (Rule 17.2)

"The Bureau of the Board shall examine the credentials and submit their report to the Board."

in-session documentation

Item 1 (d): Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-seventh regular session of the Board (Rule 8)

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD will submit during the session a draft provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-seventh regular session (to be held in the spring of 1991).

in-session documentation

Item 2: FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF UNCTAD VII IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD DECISION 350 (XXXIV):

- STOCKTAKING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF UNCTAD VII IN PREPARATION FOR UNCTAD VIII

At its 750th plenary meeting on 17 March 1989, when the Board was considering the draft provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-sixth session, the President recorded the Board's agreement that, as part of the process of preparation for the eighth session of the Conference, a stocktaking exercise concerning the implementation of the Final Act of the seventh session of UNCTAD would be carried out at a session of the Board. Subsequently, at informal consultations with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD,

the regional Co-ordinators and the representative of China agreed that such a stocktaking exercise should be carried out at the first part of the thirty-seventh session of the Board.

In addition to the Final Act itself, delegations might wish, for their deliberations under this item, to draw on the Declaration on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of UNCTAD, adopted by the Board in its resolution 376 (XXXVI), of 13 October 1989, and the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution S-18/3, of 1 May 1990.

While no substantive documentation will be prepared, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD will make available a list of relevant meetings of UNCTAD bodies which have been convened since the adoption of the Final Act, together with a note of any legislation adopted by those bodies.

Documentation

TD/B(XXXVII)/CRP.2	Stocktaking of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII: Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Item 3: INTERDEPENDENCE OF PROBLEMS OF TRADE, DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM 2/

The Board has carried out regular reviews of this item since the adoption of its decision 144 (XVI), of 23 October 1976.

At the first part of its thirty-fifth session, the Board took note of the proposals submitted by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD for strengthening the Board's review of interdependence (TD/B/1190) and noted that their implementation would begin as soon as possible.

At the first part of its thirty-sixth session, the Board had before it a note (TD/B/L.864) in which the Secretary-General of UNCTAD submitted a list of topics which might be addressed in the interdependence debate. At the same session, the Board adopted resolution 374 (XXXVI), of 13 October 1989, entitled "Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system", in which, inter alia, it reiterated the pledge to a reinvigorated effort to strengthen multilateral co-operation to promote and give effect to policies aimed at revitalizing development, growth and international trade, and to enhance the effectiveness of UNCTAD as an important instrument of international economic co-operation.

In its resolution 44/219, of 22 December 1989, on "Report of the Trade and Development Board", the General Assembly, inter alia, welcomed the efforts made by Governments and the UNCTAD secretariat to strengthen the debates of the Trade and Development Board on interdependence and further welcomed Board resolution 374 (XXXVI) on that topic.

In view of their relevance as background material, documents TD/B/1190 and TD/B/L.864 referred to above will be made available for reference purposes.

Also in its resolution 44/219, the General Assembly stressed that in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations commensurate attention should be given to all areas of negotiation, especially those of particular relevance to the trade and development of developing countries; and invited the Trade and Development Board to continue to follow closely developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular concern to the developing countries.

In its resolution 380 (XXXVI), of 23 March 1990, the Board urged participants in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations to strive for a balanced and successful outcome of the Uruguay Round which would result in the liberalization and expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, especially developing countries, through adequate attention being given to all areas including, in particular, those of special interest to the trade and development of developing countries.

In approving the draft provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-seventh session, at its 772nd plenary meeting on 23 march 1990 the Board agreed that, in the consideration of item 3 in its entirety, delegations would be free to refer to developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to developing countries (see footnote 2/).

The Trade and Development Report 1990 is relevant to the Board's discussion under this item.

Documentation

For background reference purposes:

TD/B/1190	Strengthening the Board's regular review of interdependence: Note by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.
TD/B/L.864	Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system: Note by the UNCTAD secretariat.

Item 4: DEBT AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

- INCLUDING DISCUSSION CALLED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44/232 OF 22 DECEMBER 1989 ON TRENDS IN THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES TO AND FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINED DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE COUNTRIES

Since the adoption of its resolution 165 (S-IX), of 11 March 1978, the Board has carried out regular reviews of aspects of the debt and development problems of developing countries.

The outcome of the review at the first part of the thirty-sixth session was the adoption of resolution 375 (XXXVI), of 13 October 1989, in which the Board spelled out selected aspects of the debt problems of developing countries which needed to be addressed in order that durable, equitable and mutually-agreed solutions to the problem of indebtedness of those countries could be arrived at.

In the Declaration on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of UNCTAD, adopted by its resolution 376 (XXXVI), of 13 October 1989, the Board declared that UNCTAD should continue to pay special attention to economic problems faced in common by developing countries, including coping with the debt burden and its consequences.

The strengthened debt strategy has begun to be implemented. However, questions arise as to whether the present approach will yield sufficient debt and debt-service reduction. The situation with respect to financial flows is equally pessimistic. Rapidly shrinking net financial flows in the 1980s together with sharply rising interest payments produced a net transfer of resources from developing countries to the rest of the world. For a number of countries, this is not a problem but a reflection of particularly successful development. For the indebted developing countries, it has posed major difficulties. In addition to the sharp fall in overall flows there has been a pronounced change in their structure. The overall decline in flows was principally attributable to a precipitous fall in commercial bank lending such that official creditors and donors provided in 1988 two-thirds of total net financial flows to developing countries. The policy challenges include effective treatment of the debt problem and measures to restore buoyancy to international financial flows, particularly non-debt-creating flows, in order to support effective domestic adjustment measures and help restore growth and dynamism to the development process.

In its resolution 44/232, the General Assembly recommended that the Board, at its thirty-seventh session, give in-depth consideration to the transfer of resources to and from developing countries. In view of its relevance to some of the issues under discussion in that form, the resolution was also made available to the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade at the second part of its thirteenth session (30 April to 8 May 1990). For its deliberations under this item, the Board might therefore wish to draw on the report of that session of CIFT, which will be before the Board under item 9.

The Trade and Development Report 1990 contains material relevant to the Board's consideration of this agenda item.

The text of General Assembly resolution 44/232 will be made available to the Board in the form in which it was made available to CIFT.

Documentation

TD/B/C.3(XIII)/CRP.1	Text of General Assembly resolution 44/232, of 22 December 1989, entitled "Trends in the transfer of resources to and from the developing countries and their impact on the economic growth and sustained development of those countries".

Item 5: ARRANGEMENTS AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

At the second part of its thirty-sixth session, the Board heard reports by the President of the Board and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the consultations which the Board, in its decision 377 (XXXVI), of 13 October 1989, had mandated them to hold respectively on the location in Latin America, and the dates during 1991, of the eighth session of the Conference; and on the provisional agenda.

By decision 381 (XXXVI), of 23 March 1990, the Board decided, in principle, to recommend to the General Assembly that the eighth session of the Conference be convened during the month of June 1991, subject to confirmation by the Board at the first part of its thirty-seventh session.

By the same decision, the Board requested the President of the Board to continue his consultations with regard to the venue in Latin America of the Conference, so that a final decision might be taken not later than at the first part of the thirty-seventh session; and mandated the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue his consultations with regard to the provisional agenda for UNCTAD VIII, with a view to finalizing it as soon as possible, and to present it for formal adoption by the Board at the first part of its thirty-seventh session.

Item 6: UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT 1986-1990: INITIATION OF PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL INPUT INTO THE FINAL ASSESSMENT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1991

In response to the provisions of General Assembly resolution S-13/2, of 1 June 1986, an indication of the broad thrust of UNCTAD's policies and activities in support of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development was before the Board at the second part of its thirty-third session in TD/B/1131. Pursuant to subsequent mandates of the Trade and Development Board (decisions 345 (XXXIII); 348 (XXXIV); and 363 (XXXV)), the Secretary-General of UNCTAD has submitted reports to the Board in TD/B/1146; TD/B/1181; TD/B/1182; and TD/B/1222.

In paragraph 2 of resolution 43/27, of 18 November 1988, entitled "Mid-term review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990", the General Assembly decided to conduct a final review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action at its forty-sixth session in 1991.

The Trade and Development Board, in paragraph 4 of its decision 372 (XXXVI), of 13 October 1989, decided to start preparation, at the first part of its thirty-seventh session, for the UNCTAD intergovernmental input into the final assessment by the General Assembly in 1991.

The UNCTAD secretariat will submit a note containing a preliminary indication of the issues to be covered in UNCTAD's final assessment of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development.

Documentation

TD/B/1265	United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990: initiation of preparations for UNCTAD's intergovernmental input into the final assessment by the General Assembly in 1991 - Note by the UNCTAD secretariat
TD/B(XXXVII)/CRP.1	Text of General Assembly resolution 43/27

Item 7: ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE (CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS 146 (VI) OF 2 JULY 1983 AND 169 (VII) OF 3 AUGUST 1987)

Paragraph 1 of Conference resolution 146 (VI) calls for the Special Economic Unit (Palestinian people), of the UNCTAD secretariat, to monitor and investigate the policies of Israeli occupation authorities hampering the economic development of the occupied Palestinian territory. In paragraph 6 of Conference resolution 169 (VII), the UNCTAD secretariat is requested to provide advice on the establishment of a centre for marketing and exporting of Palestinian goods and products. Paragraphs 2 and 10 of the same resolutions, respectively, request the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to report periodically to the Trade and Development Board and the General Assembly on progress made in the implementation of those resolutions.

The present report comprises two parts. Part One deals with the growing crisis in the economy of the occupied Palestinian territory, under three major headings: major policy developments affecting the Palestinian economy; performance of major aggregates (GDP, GNP, savings, investment and consumption); and developments in key sectors issues (natural resources, agriculture and industry, labour force and employment, the fiscal and monetary situation, and external trade).

Part Two comprises a brief review of the work of the Special Economic Unit since the last report to the Board (TD/B/1221).

Documentation

TD/B/1266	Recent economic developments in the occupied Palestinian territory - Report by the UNCTAD secretariat

Item 8: OTHER MATTERS IN THE FIELD OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT:

Item 8 (a): UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development (Board decision 370 (XXXV))

At the second part of its thirty-fifth session, the Board considered UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development in accordance with General Assembly resolution 42/187, of 11 December 1987, entitled "Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond"; General Assembly resolution 42/186, of 11 December 1987, on "Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development"; and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/69, of 28 July 1988, entitled "International co-operation on the environment".

For this purpose, the Board had before it a note by the UNCTAD secretariat (TD/B/1199) entitled "Environment and Development: UNCTAD's contribution to the follow-up of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187".

At the same session of the Board, in the Agreed Conclusions annexed to decision 370 (XXXV), of 22 March 1989, requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to make an analysis on the interface between sustainable development and the main lines of UNCTAD activities within its mandate, and to submit the study to the first part of the thirty-seventh session of the Board. The Board

also agreed to consider, in the light of the analysis referred to above, such follow-up action by the Board as may be required on the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/69.

In the Declaration on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of UNCTAD, adopted by the Board in its resolution 376 (XXXVI), of 13 October 1989, the Board, in discussing the shaping of the future of the world economy and of international economic co-operation, recognized that "A related factor will be the promotion of approaches to growth which would encourage sustainable development, responding to the needs of present and future generations of humanity. The eradication of poverty should have a central place in these endeavours. UNCTAD should make substantive contributions to multilateral co-operation in these areas, within its mandate".

The report which will be before the Board will contain the analysis called for in Board decision 370 (XXXV).

Documentation

TD/B/1267 Sustainable development and UNCTAD activities - Report by the UNCTAD secretariat

Item 8 (b): Economic co-operation among developing countries

(i) Analyses and proposals for the facilitation of trade expansion among developing countries (para. 4 (f) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries

At its fifth session, the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries adopted resolution 4 (V), of 12 June 1989, on items 3, 4 and 5 of its agenda (Review of recent developments in the area of economic co-operation among developing countries; some areas of economic co-operation among developing countries for new initiatives; and Review of the UNCTAD work programme in the area of economic co-operation among developing countries for future work).

In paragraph 4 (f) of that resolution, the Committee called upon the Secretary-General of UNCTAD "to continue work in the area of trade expansion and promotion, in particular research and analysis, and to prepare a study with proposals on how to facilitate trade expansion among developing countries and submit it to the second part of the thirty-sixth session of the Trade and Development Board;"

Subsequently, during informal consultations between the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and regional co-ordinators on the agenda for the second part of the Board's thirty-sixth session, it was decided that the above-mentioned study should be submitted to the Board at the first part of its thirty-seventh session.

Documentation

TD/B/1260	Trade expansion among developing countries: constraints and measures to overcome them - Report by the UNCTAD secretariat

(ii) Problems of trade financing in developing countries (para. 4 (v) (iii) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries

In paragraph 4 (c) (iii) of resolution 4 (V), the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries calls upon the Secretary-General of UNCTAD "to undertake, in co-operation with relevant international organizations, a study on the problems of trade financing in developing countries ... and to present the study to the first part of the thirty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board for consideration;".

In view of the decision to postpone until the first part of the thirty-seventh session, the study under item 8 (b) (i) above (which was originally to have been submitted to the second part of the thirty-sixth session), the Board might wish to decide that the study called for under paragraph 4 (c) (iii) of resolution 4 (V) be remitted to a future session of the Board.

Item 8 (c): Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-third session

The report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-third session (23-27 April 1990) will be before the Board.

Attention is drawn to the recommendations made by the Joint Advisory Group (paragraphs 51, 69, 73, 82, 88, 96, 101 and 105 of the report), following its consideration of the various sub-programmes comprising ITC's technical co-operation activities in 1989.

Documentation

TD/B/1268	Note by the UNCTAD secretariat
ITC/AG(XXIII/122 and Add.1	Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-third session

Item 8 (d): Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-third annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) held its twenty-third session from 25 June to 6 July 1990, in New York. Its report will be before the Board, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI).

That resolution also provides that any comments or recommendations which the Board may wish to make on the report shall be transmitted to the General Assembly. Likewise, any suggestions for topics to be included in the work of UNCITRAL, and any other recommendations by the Board relevant to the work of UNCITRAL, shall be transmitted to the General Assembly.

Documentation

TD/B/1269	Note by the UNCTAD secretariat
A/45/17	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-third session

Item 9: OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE BOARD ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF ITS SUBSIDIARY AND OTHER BODIES

Annotations to this item will be contained in an addendum to the present document.

Item 10: INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS

Item 10 (a): Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections

On the formation, on 22 May 1990, of a single sovereign State called the "Republic of Yemen", the membership of UNCTAD changed from 168 to 167.

No documentation

Item 10 (b): Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees

In accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), the President will inform the Board of any communications received from members of the Conference, indicating their intention to become members of the Board.

Likewise, in accordance with Conference resolution 80 (III), the President will inform the Board of any communications received from States members wishing to become members of one or more of the main Committees.

Following the formation, on 22 May 1990, of a single sovereign State called the "Republic of Yemen", membership of the Trade and Development Board and its main Committees now stands at: Trade and Development Board - 130; Committee on Commodities - 106; Committee on Manufactures - 100; Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade - 102; Committee on Shipping - 102; Committee on Transfer of Technology - 98; Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries - 109.

For the information of the Board, the full membership of the Conference, the Board and the main Committees is contained in the undermentioned document.

Documentation

TD/B/INF.178 Membership of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; the Trade and Development Board and its main Committees

Item 10 (c): Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1990

The Working Party consists of 19 members, whose term of office is one year (Board decision 236 (XXIII)). The geographical distribution of posts is as follows:

Group of 77		9
African Group	3	
Asian Group	3	
Latin American Group	3	
Group B		6
Group D		3
China		1

At the first part of its thirty-seventh session, the Board will be expected to establish the membership for 1991.

Details of membership for the past three years will be given in the "Organization of work" paper (TD/B/..../Add.2).

No documentation

Item 10 (d): Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

No applications will be before the Board at the first part of its thirty-seventh session.

A list of the 99 intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD is contained in TD/B/INF.106/Rev.4.

No documentation

Item 10 (e): Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure

The Board will be invited to consider applications from three non-governmental organizations.

In accordance with the provisions of rule 77, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD will consult the Bureau of the Board on the matter and subsequently submit the Bureau's recommendation to the Board.

A list of the 141 non-governmental organizations at present in status with UNCTAD (61 in the General Category and 80 in the Special Category) is contained in TD/B/INF.107/Rev.4.

Documentation

TD/B/R.57	Note by the UNCTAD secretariat
TD/B/R.57/Add.1	Application by the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW)
TD/B/R.57/Add.2	Application by the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA)
TD/B/R.57/Add.3	Application by the Professional Association of Natural Rubber in Africa (ANRA)

Item 10 (f): Review of the calendar of meetings

By decision 383 (XXXVI), of 23 March 1990, the Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1990 and took note of the draft calendar for 1991. The above calendars were subsequently circulated in TD/B/INF.177.

The document submitted to the Board at the first part of its thirty-seventh session will reflect amendments made since the second part of the thirty-sixth session, and will contain a calendar for the remainder of 1990, a draft calendar for 1991 and a tentative calendar for 1992-3.

Documentation

TD/B/L.901	Review of the calendar of meetings

Item 10 (g): Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

The Board will be informed during the session of the administrative and budgetary implications of any proposals before it.

Item 11: OTHER BUSINESS

Any matters to be taken up under this item will be reflected in an addendum to the present document.

Item 12: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE BOARD

Two versions of the report of the Board are prepared:

(i) Full report of the Board

The reports of the Sessional Committee(s) and Plenary are included in the full report of the Board, along with other relevant material. This report constitutes the official record of the Board's proceedings.

(ii) Report of the Board to the General Assembly

Pursuant to Board decision 259 (XXV), the separate report to the General Assembly is restricted to an introduction; a main part containing any resolutions and decisions which have been adopted during the session; a second part reflecting any statements made in connection with the adoption of those resolutions and decisions; other action taken by the Board; and relevant annexes.

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The Board will also have before it the following documentation not covered by a specific agenda item:

TD/B(XXXVII)CRP.3	Selective list of resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly in the first half of 1990 (all languages)
TD/B(XXXVII)/CRP.4	Selective list of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its organizational, first and second regular sessions of 1990 (all languages)
TD/B(XXXVII)/Misc.1	Checklist of documents by provisional agenda item, to be issued at the beginning of the session (English only)

Notes

1/ The inclusion of an item on UNCTAD's contribution to the preparations for the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade will depend on the outcome of consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in accordance with Board decision 373 (XXXVI).

2/ Pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of General Assembly resolution 44/219 and paragraphs 105/ (7) and (8) of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII, and in line with the consensus recorded at the 730th plenary meeting of the Board (second part of the thirty-fourth session), it has been agreed that, in the consideration of item 3 in its entirety, delegations will be free to refer to developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to developing countries. It has also been agreed that an informal exchange on this matter will be organized to which the Director-General of GATT will be invited.

3/ The geographical distribution of the offices comprising the Bureau is governed by rules 18 and 19, and annex I, of the rules of procedure of the Board (TD/B/16/Rev.4 and Corr.1), and by the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), as amended. (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) is reproduced in the appendix to the rules of procedure of the Board (TD/B/16/Rev.4 and Corr.1).

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Item 9 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE BOARD ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF ITS SUBSIDIARY AND OTHER BODIES

Item 9(a) Restrictive Business Practices

In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/167, of 5 December 1986, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, at its ninth session (23 to 27 April 1990), served as the preparatory body for the Second United Nations Conference to Review all Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (to be held from 26 November to 7 December 1990).

In that capacity, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts adopted a set of agreed conclusions concerning preparations for the Review Conference, including the draft provisional agenda and draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference. It also remitted to the Conference draft recommendations submitted by Group B and a draft decision submitted by the Group of 77, with the recommendation that they serve as a basis for consideration by the Conference of proposals for the improvement and further development of the Set, including international co-operation in the field of control of restrictive business practices.

Documentation

TD/B/1261- TD/B/RBP/76	Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices on its ninth session

Item 9(b) Invisibles and Financing related to Trade

Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade
(Thirteenth session, first part)

The first part of the thirteenth session of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade (devoted to insurance) was held from 5 to 9 February 1990.

The Board's attention is drawn to Annex I to the report on the session, containing the text of resolution 33 (XIII), of 9 February 1990, which includes directives relevant to the UNCTAD secretariat's future work in the field of insurance.

The Board might wish to take note of the report of the Committee on the first part of its thirteenth session and to endorse resolution 33 (XIII).

Documentation

TD/B/1249 TD/B/C.3/237	Report of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade on its thirteenth session, first part

Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade
(Thirteenth session, second part)

The second part of the thirteenth session of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade (devoted to financing related to Trade) was held from 30 April to 8 May 1990.

The Board's attention is drawn in particular to Annex I to the report on the session, containing the text of resolution 34 (XIII), of 8 May 1990, on agenda items 3, 4 and 6 (Review of international monetary and financial questions related to trade and development, including, in particular, official development co-operation; Debt and managing adjustment: attracting non-debt-creating financing flows and new lending; and Review of the work programme of the Committee), which will necessitate adjustment to the UNCTAD secretariat's work programme in this area.

Attention is also drawn to Annex II, containing the provisional agenda which the Committee approved for its fourteenth session.

The Board might wish to take note of the report, and to endorse the provisions of resolution 34 (XIII) annexed thereto.

Documentation

TD/B/1262 TD/B/C.3/239	Report of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade on its

Item 9 (c) Preferences

The Special Committee on Preferences held its seventeenth session from 14 to 22 May 1990. The Board's attention is drawn to Annex I to the report on the session, containing the texts of resolution 11 (XVII), of 22 May 1990, on agenda items 3, 4, 5 and 7 (Comprehensive review of the Generalized System of Preferences, including its implementation, maintenance, improvement and utilization; Harmonization and improvement of the rules of origin; Technical assistance in connection with the Generalized System of Preferences; and Feasibility study for providing exporters and importers consolidated computerized information on the Generalized System of Preferences); and Agreed Conclusions 12 (XVII) on item 4 (Harmonization and improvement of the rules of origin), adopted by the Committee on 22 May 1990.

The provisional agenda for the eighteenth session, as approved by the Committee, is contained in Annex II.

The Board might wish to take note of the report of the Committee on its seventeenth session, and to endorse the provisions of resolution 11 (XVII) and Agreed Conclusions 12 (XVII).

	Documentation
TD/B/1263- TD/B/C.5/132	Report of the Special Committee on Preferences on its seventeenth session

Item 9(d) Shipping

The report of the Committee on Shipping on its fourteenth session (21-29 June 1990) will be before the Board.

Special attention is drawn to Annex I, containing the following resolutions, all of which were adopted without a vote on 29 June 1990:

Resolution 64 (XIV) - "Economic co-operation among developing countries in the field of shipping, ports and multimodal transport";

Resolution 65 (XIV) - "Work Programme: Shipping policy, port development, international maritime legislation, technical co-operation and training, including work programme";

Resolution 66 (XIV) - "Work Programme: Maritime liens and mortgages", in paragraph 2 of which the Committee

> "Recommends to the Trade and Development Board that it recommend, in consultation with IMO, to the General Assembly, within existing resources, the convening of a conference of plenipotentiaries for the consideration and adoption of the draft convention on maritime liens and mortgages as contained in the final report of the Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and Related Subjects."

Resolution 67 (XIV) - "Multimodal Transport: multimodal transport including work programme", in paragraph 1 of which the Committee requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to convene during 1991, within available resources, a group of 19 experts selected in accordance with established principles of geographical distribution, to meet in their personal capacity for one week under the specific terms of reference set out in paragraph 1 (a) (i), (ii) and (iii).

Attention is also drawn to Annex II, containing the provisional agenda for the fifteenth session, approved by the Committee at its 157th meeting on 29 June 1990.

The Board might wish to take note of the report of the Committee on its fourteenth session, and to endorse the resolutions annexed thereto.

Documentation

TD/B/1264- TD/B/C.4/336	Report of the Committee on Shipping on its fourteenth session

Item 9(e) Island developing countries

Pursuant to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 43/189, of 20 December 1988, the Secretary-General of the United Nations organized, under UNCTAD auspices, a Meeting of Governmental of Experts Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations (held in New York from 25 to 29 June 1990).

The Board's attention is drawn to Chapter II of the Report, containing the Chairman's text on "Challenges and opportunities: a strategic framework", which the Meeting adopted by consensus.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 43/189, the report on the Meeting is being made available to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session. The Board might wish to take note the report and decide to transmit any comments thereon to the General Assembly.

Documentation

A/CONF.147/5- TD/B/AC.46/4	Report of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Organization of the work of the session

1. The annotated provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-seventh session of the Board will be contained in TD/B/1259 and Add.1.

2. The organization of work, as proposed in this note, was considered and approved at the Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 27 September 1990.

Pre-session consultations

3. The Board's attention is drawn to paragraphs 20 and 21 of the report of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields (TD/B/1154), which read:

> "20. During the week preceding a session of the Trade and Development Board or of a main Committee, informal pre-sessional consultations should be held between representatives of interested member States and regional co-ordinators on organizational matters and, when appropriate, on substantive issues; this period could also be used by groups for internal substantive preparations. The President or President-designate in the case of the Board, and the outgoing Chairman in the case of a main Committee, should be associated with these consultations.
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> "21. The informal briefing meetings of the secretariat with representatives of interested member States and regional co-ordinators to provide information on the issues to be dealt with, should be held two weeks before the commencement of a session of the Trade and Development Board or of a main Committee."

At the Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 29 May 1990, it was agreed that the period Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 September should be used for informal pre-sessional consultations prior to the first part of the thirty-seventh session of the Board. These consultations will commence at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 26 September.

Duration of the session

4. The session will open at 11 a.m. on Monday, 1 October 1990, in Room XX. It is scheduled to close on Friday, 12 October.

In connection with the conduct of meetings, the attention of the Board is drawn to the report of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Working Group (TD/B/1154), in particular the paragraphs relating to the methods of work of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD, which read as follows:

> "23. Every effort shall be made to commence all UNCTAD meetings within fifteen minutes of the time posted for the meeting. If the presiding officer does not find this feasible, he shall inform the meeting of a new starting time, or reschedule it for at least three hours later.
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> "24. Apart from the last regular day of a session, no meeting should be scheduled to begin after 4 p.m. or continue after 6 p.m.
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> "25. On the last regular day of a session, the final meeting should be scheduled at the latest for 6 p.m. and should not continue beyond 9 p.m.
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> "26. At sessions of the Trade and Development Board, and of the main Committees, every effort should be made to observe a time limit of ten minutes for statements by individual delegations and the secretariat.
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> "27. If necessary, during the week succeeding a session of a main Committee, a final plenary meeting may be held solely to adopt the draft report of the session.
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> "31. Reports of meetings should be kept within the limit of 32 pages. Such reports should contain brief summaries of the main points covered, together with a summary of proceedings."

Informal consultations on interdependence

5. As was the case at the first part of the thirty-sixth session of the Board, provision has been made for informal, off-the-record discussions on interdependence to take place prior to the opening of the general debate. In this connection, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD has arranged for the participation of a small number of experts, as well as senior officials from the IMF, the World Bank, GATT and other intergovernmental bodies.

6. The discussions will be held on Tuesday, 2 October, in two parts: the first, commencing at 10 a.m., will involve delegations, experts, Agencies and the secretariat; the second, commencing at approximately 4 p.m. (immediately following a short Plenary meeting) will be restricted to delegations, experts and the secretariat. The debate on items 3 and 4 will open on Wednesday, 3 October.

Uruguay Round

7. It will be recalled that, in approving the draft provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-seventh session, the Board agreed that, in the consideration of item 3 (interdependence) in its entirety, delegations would be free to refer to developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to developing countries. It was also agreed that an informal exchange on this matter would be organized to which the Director-General of GATT would be invited, the timing of which will be communicated during the pre-sessional consultations.

International Development Strategy

8. It will be recalled that, in approving the provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-seventh session, the Board appended a footnote to the agenda indicating that the inclusion of an item on UNCTAD's contribution to the preparations for the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade will depend on the outcome of consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in accordance with Board decision 373 (XXXVI). Should the need arise, an appropriate item could be added to the agenda as item 8(e), to be considered in Sessional Committee I.

Establishment of Sessional Committees and allocation of items

9. The Board may wish to establish:

Sessional Committee I

for the consideration of items 8(a), 8(b), 10(c) and, if appropriate, [8(e)];

Sessional Committee II

for the consideration of items 6, 7 and 9(a) to 9(e).

Plenary

10. All items not allocated to either of the Sessional Committees will be considered in Plenary. All resolutions, decisions or conclusions agreed by the Sessional Committees will also be referred to Plenary for adoption.

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD's suggestions for the allocation of items are contained in Annex I to the present document.

Debate on items 3 and 4

11. Emphasis is placed on the recommendation contained in paragraph 26 of the report of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Working Group (TD/B/1154) that every effort should be made to observe a time limit of ten minutes for statements.

Speakers list

12. The Board might wish to decide that the list of speakers in the debate on items 3 and 4 should be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday, 5 October. Inscriptions may be made in advance of the session by contacting Mme Françoise Rollet, Deputy Secretary of the Trade and Development Board, Room E.8089, Extn. 5635 or 4815.

Tentative timetable of meetings

13. The tentative timetable contained in Annex II to the present document is based on the availability of facilities during normal working hours, Monday to Friday, when services are available for up to three simultaneous meetings.

Annex I

Allocation of items

PLENARY
1(a) Election of officers 1(b) Adoption of agenda and organization of work 1(c) Credentials 1(d) Provisional agenda for TDB XXXVII (second part) 2 Stocktaking of the implementation of the Final Act 3 Interdependence 4 Debt 5 UNCTAD VIII 8(c) JAG Report 8(d) UNCITRAL 10(a) New States members 10(b) Board/Committee memberships 10(d) IGOs 10(e) NGOs 10(f) Calendar of meetings 10(g) Financial implications 11 Other business 12 Adoption of the report of the Board Report of Sessional Committee I Report of Sessional Committee II

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I
Election of Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur 8(a) Sustainable development 8(b) ECDC [8(e) International Development Strategy] 10(c) Working Party membership

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II
Election of Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur 6 Africa 7 Assistance to Palestinian people 9(a) RBPs 9(b) CIFT 9(c) Preferences 9(d) Shipping 9(e) Islands

Annex II

First week

(1-5 October 1990)

Trade and Development Board
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MONDAY 1st	TUESDAY 2nd	WEDNESDAY 3rd	THURSDAY 4th	FRIDAY 5th
11 a.m. Opening of session 1(a) Election officers 1(b) Adoption agenda and org. of work 10(a) New SMs 10(b) Board/Committee memberships Sessional Committee I Election of Chairman Sessional Committee II Election of Chairman	No Group meetings 10 a.m. Informal consultations on interdependence (delegations/ experts/Agencies/ secretariat)	Group meetings	Group meetings	10.30 a.m. Informal exchange on developments in the Uruguay Round (with participation of the Director-General of GATT)
3 p.m. BUREAU followed by 4 p.m. PLENARY Statement SG/UNCTAD Any other general statements Sessional Committee I Election V-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur Organization of work Sessional Committee II Election V-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur Organization of work	3.30 p.m. PLENARY 10(d) IGOs 10(e) NGOs 8(d) UNCITRAL followed by informal consultations on interdependence (delegations/experts/ secretariat)	3 p.m. PLENARY Commencement of debate on items 3 and 4 Sessional Committee I 10(c) W/P membership 8(a) Sustainable development Sessional Committee II 6 Africa	3 p.m. PLENARY Continuation of debate on items 3 and 4 Sessional Committee I 8(a) Sustainable development (cont'd) 8(b) ECDC Sessional Committee II 6 Africa (cont'd) 7 Assistance to Palestinian people	3 p.m. PLENARY Continuation of debate on items 3 and 4 Closure of list of speakers on items 3 and 4 Sessional Committee I 8(b) ECDC (cont'd) Sessional Committee II 7 Assistance to Palestinian people (cont'd)

Second week
(8-12 October)

MONDAY 8th	TUESDAY 9th	WEDNESDAY 10th	THURSDAY 11th	FRIDAY 12th
Group meetings	Group meetings	Group meetings	Group meetings	Group meetings
3 p.m. PLENARY Continuation of debate on items 3 and 4 Closure of debate (items 3 and 4) Sessional Committee I [8(e) IDS] Sessional Committee II 9(a) RBPs 9(b) CIFT 9(c) Preferences 9(d) Shipping 9(e) Islands	3 p.m. PLENARY 8(c) JAG Report 2 Stocktaking 5 UNCTAD VIII	3 p.m. BUREAU (Credentials) President's Contact Group (if required)	Sessional Committee I Adoption of report Sessional Committee II Adoption of report	PLENARY 1(c) Credentials 5 UNCTAD VIII Report of SC.I Report of SC.II Draft texts emanating from Sessional Cttees 10(f) Calendar 10(g) Fin. imps. 11 Other business 1(d) Prov. agenda for TDB 37/II Adoption of the report of the Board